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- The DHS Science and Technology Directorate released a report June 20 stating that an emergency spare transformer program can be a key enabler in mitigating the effects of a high-impact, low-frequency event. – *Homeland Security Today* (See item [1](#))
- General Motors expanded recalls June 19 for 243,000 vehicles in the U.S. and Canada due to ongoing issues with Takata Corporation airbag inflators. – *Associated Press* (See item [6](#))
- The Montefiore Health System announced June 19 that a former employee allegedly stole up to 12,517 confidential patient records in order to sell financial information. – *Crain's New York Business* (See item [18](#))
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Energy Sector

1. ***June 20, Homeland Security Today*** – (National) **Power grid resiliency: final recovery transformer report issued by DHS S&T.** The DHS Science and Technology Directorate released a report June 20 stating that an emergency spare transformer program can be a key enabler to mitigating the effects of a high-impact, low-frequency event (such as an electromagnetic pulse weapon), which would damage the U.S. power grid. This report will enable the U.S. to achieve greater resiliency from both man-made and natural threats to the U.S. power grid.
Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/power-grid-resiliency-final-recovery-transformer-report-issued-by-dhs-s-t/dc527a03baf8ce748616667ac56f8f48.html>
2. ***June 19, WCHS 8 Charleston*** – (West Virginia) **Glasgow power plant closes after more than 60 years of operation.** American Electric Power officials closed down the Kanawha River Power Plant June 19, citing the plant's incompatibility with new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.
Source : <http://www.wchstv.com/news/features/eyewitness-news/stories/Glasgow-Power-Plant-Closes-After-More-Than-60-Years-Of-Operation-152052.shtml#.VYgLzs9VhBc>
3. ***June 19, Maritime Reporter/MarineNews*** – (Maryland) **4000 Gallon Oil Spill in Baltimore.** The U.S. Coast Guard, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and two environmental groups worked June 19 to clean up approximately 4,000 gallons of lubrication oil in a discharge canal at the CP Crane Generating Station in Baltimore. The site is now contained with no impact to local wildlife.
Source: <http://www.marinelink.com/news/baltimore-spill-oil393286.aspx>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. ***June 19, WLKY 32 Louisville*** – (Kentucky) **Shelter-in-place lifted after HF leak in Jeffersontown area.** Peptides International in Louisville, Kentucky was closed June 19 after the chemical, hydrogen fluoride leaked from a cylinder, and prompted a shelter-in-place order and evacuation of over 150 people. HAZMAT crews remained on site for several hours to contain the incident.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/chemical-leak-reported-on-electron-drive/33672762>
5. ***June 19, WBRC 6 Birmingham*** – (Alabama) **Small chemical leak reported at Tuscaloosa water treatment plant.** A chemical leak at the Ed Love Water Treatment Plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama prompted a 3-hour closure after 6-liquid pounds of chlorine dioxide leaked from a 2-inch broken valve June 19. The leak was contained and local water supplies were not affected.
Source: <http://www.myfoxal.com/story/29360800/small-chemical-leak-reported-at-tuscaloosa-water-treatment-plant>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *June 19, Associated Press* – (National) **General Motors adds more than 243,000 Pontiac Vibe hatchbacks to growing Takata air bag recall.** General Motors announced an expanded recall for over 243,000 model year 2003 – 2007 Pontiac Vibe vehicles in the U.S. and Canada due to ongoing issues with airbag inflators manufactured by the Takata Corporation that could cause airbags to prematurely inflate or detonate.
Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2015/06/19/general-motors-adds-more-than-243000-pontiac-vibe-hatchbacks-to-growing-takata/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *June 19, Reuters* – (Texas) **U.S. sues BAE Systems unit for overcharging for military trucks.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported June 19 that a Texas-based BAE Systems Tactical Vehicle Systems LP allegedly inflated the cost of truck parts and materials, violated the False Claims Act, and concealed price estimates for 40 parts in a contract with the U.S. Army to build 20,000 military trucks. The case remains ongoing.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/19/usa-defense-fraud-idUSKBN0Z519O20150619>

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Financial Services Sector

8. *June 19, Reuters* – (International) **Two more Swiss banks settle with U.S. over tax evasion.** The U.S. Department of Justice reported June 19 that Swiss banks, Bank Linth LLB AG and Bank Sparhafen Zurch AG will pay a combined \$5.96 million in penalties to avoid criminal charges for assisting American citizens in tax evasion. Eleven other Swiss banks made similar deals with the U.S. government under a voluntary program set up in 2013.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/19/usa-swiss-banks-idUSKBN0Z51L420150619>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. ***June 22, WKYT 36 Lexington*** – (Kentucky) **Two killed in crash along Interstate 75 in Scott County.** Interstate 75 in Scott County was closed for several hours near mile marker 130 June 21 while crews investigated the scene of a 3-vehicle accident that killed 2 people and injured 5 others.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Police-fire-crews-on-the-scene-of-crash-on-Interstate-75-in-Scott-County-308873771.html>
10. ***June 21, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*** – (New York) **Passenger flight makes emergency landing in Canandaigua.** A United Express flight headed from New Jersey to Rochester, New York made an emergency landing June 21 to Canandaigua airport due to smoke in the bathroom. The cause of the smoke remains unknown.
Source: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2015/06/21/rochester-flight-emergency-landing-canandaigua/29079157/>
11. ***June 21, WFAA 8 Dallas*** – (Texas) **High water closes Interstate 30 near Royse City.** A portion of the westbound lanes of Interstate 30 near Royse City was shut down June 21 for an unspecified amount of time due to high water after a heavy rain storm.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/traffic/2015/06/21/high-water-closes-interstate-30-near-royse-city/29080837/>
12. ***June 21, KGO 7 San Francisco*** – (California) **Officers investigate fatal shooting on Hwy. 4 in Bay point.** Highway 4 in Bay Point was shut down for approximately 6 hours June 21 while officials investigated a fatal shooting that caused a car to lose control and crash into the median. One person was announced dead at the scene and officials remain searching for the shooter.
Source: <http://abc7news.com/news/officers-investigate-fatal-shooting-on-hwy-4-in-bay-point/797377/>
13. ***June 20, WFTV 9 Orlando*** – (Florida) **I-95 reopens in Volusia County after semi-truck overturns, blocks roadway.** A portion of Interstate 95 in Volusia County was closed for several hours June 20 due to an accident that involved an overturned semi-truck and injured 1 person. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/i-95-reopens-volusia-county-after-semi-truck-overturn/nmhKB/>
14. ***June 19, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*** – (National) **EPA, DOT propose greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty trucks.** The U.S. Environmental Agency and the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are proposing standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles that would improve fuel efficiency, lower carbon pollution, and cut fuel costs by \$170 billion, while spurring innovation June 19.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/dcf6fe454d171bc85257e6900515f3c!opendocument>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *June 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Oregon; Washington) **United Salad Co. recalls Champ's Sliced Crimini Mushrooms because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 19 that United States Co., a Portland, Oregon establishment, is recalling its Champ's Sliced Crimini Mushrooms, product of Canada, due to potential listeria contamination. The product was distributed to retailers from June 13 – June 14 in Oregon and Washington.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm452008.htm>

16. *June 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **The Raymond-Hadley Corporation issues allergy alert on undeclared sulfites in Phoebe Mote Blanco White Corn Semoule De Mais Blanc.** The Raymond-Hadley Corporation recalled June 18 its Phoebe Mote Blanco White Corn Semoule De Mais Blanc products due to undeclared sulfites that may cause allergic reactions. The products were distributed internationally.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm451846.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *June 20, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Sewage leak causes high bacteria levels in parts of Lake Norman.** Officials released June 20 a no-swimming advisory in parts of Lake Norman in Davidson, North Carolina after 500 gallons of sewage leaked into the lake June 19. Officials are testing the water levels and will lift the advisory once bacteria is back to a safe level.
Source: <http://www.wsoctv.com/news/news/local/sewage-leak-causes-high-bacteria-levels-parts-lake/nmhHk/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *June 19, Crain's New York Business* – (New York) **Montefiore data breach exposes information for more than 10K patients.** The Montefiore Health System announced June 19 that a former employee allegedly stole up to 12,517 confidential patient records in order to sell financial information from January 2013 – June 2013. The breach was originally discovered in May, and affected patients are being offered identity recovery services and a \$1 million insurance policy.

Source:http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20150619/HEALTH_CARE/150619832/montefiore-data-breach-exposes-information-for-more-than-10k-patients

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Government Facilities Sector

19. ***June 20, KCEN 6 Temple*** – (Texas) **School bus accident in Lampasas.** A school bus accident June 20 sent 8 special needs students and 3 adults to Rollins Brook Hospital in Lampasas, Texas for minor injuries. No other vehicles were involved, and no major injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/story/29368526/school-bus-accident-in-lampasas>

20. ***June 19, Reuters*** – (Maryland) **Lightning damages 188-year-old George Washington monument.** Maryland Natural Resources Police officials reported June 19 that a lightning strike in Middletown, Maryland damaged a monument dedicated to George Washington and injured three hikers June 18. The monument will remain closed indefinitely for repairs.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/19/us-usa-monument-georgewashington-idUSKBN0OZ2LO20150619>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. ***June 22, USA Today*** – (Louisiana) **Police arrest suspect sought in killing of New Orleans officer.** New Orleans police arrested a suspect June 21 after he allegedly shot and killed a policeman charged with taking him to prison. The man was found after a 24-hour multi-law enforcement agency manhunt.
Source : <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/21/police-arrest-suspect-wanted-for-killing-new-orleans-officer/29068423/>

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Information Technology Sector

22. ***June 22, Softpedia*** – (International) **Hackers disrupt Polish airline LOT, ground 10 flights.** Officials from LOT Polish Airlines reported that their ground operation systems at Warsaw's Frederic Chopin Airport suffered a 5-hour cyber-attack that grounded 10 national and international flights and affected about 1,400 passengers June 21. An investigation into the attack is ongoing.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/hackers-disrupt-polish-airline-lot-ground-10-flights-484905.shtml>

23. ***June 22, Help Net Security*** – (International) **New password recovery scam hitting**

Gmail, Outlook and Yahoo Mail users. Security researchers from Symantec discovered a new password recovery scam in which attackers are utilizing targets' email addresses and mobile phone numbers along with Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, and Yahoo Mail's password recovery feature to trick victims into compromising their accounts, at which point the scammers create alternate email addresses that receive forwarded copies of all messages on affected accounts.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18537>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

24. *June 21, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Internet, phone service restored for 18,000 customers after CenturyLink outage.** Internet and phone service was restored June 21 to approximately 18,000 CenturyLink customers in Washington after lines were down for majority of the day due to equipment issues. 9-1-1 services were also affected.

Source: http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/massive-internet-phone-outage-in-the-lower-valley-today/article_539744f2-1852-11e5-8e4a-538ec74e9bf6.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *June 22, Associated Press; WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Faulty transformer forces 200 from Bucks County Apartments.** A June 21 gas leak at the Chesterfield Apartments in Levittown, Pennsylvania prompted the evacuation of over 200 residents after a transformer broke and damaged an underground natural gas line. No injuries were reported and residents returned to their homes June 22.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/Levittown-Gas-Leak-308865381.html>

26. *June 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **Carbon monoxide leak at Long Island apartment building hospitalizes 11 people.** A June 21 carbon monoxide leak at the Stone Water Gardens apartment complex in Bay Shore, New York prompted the evacuation of about 30 residents and injured 11 others. A broken basement boiler caused the leak and firefighters remained onsite for over two hours clearing the chemical.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/10e34817138a4a2caa67352576d95f0a/NY-->

Carbon-Monoxide-Long-Island

27. ***June 22, Associated Press*** – (Alabama) **Fire destroys Bessemer apartment complex, injures 4.** The General Clay Apartments in Bessemer, Alabama sustained extensive damage after a June 21 fire displaced 97 people and injured 4 residents. Fire crews contained the incident and the cause of the blaze is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20150622/APN/306229921?tc=ar>
28. ***June 22, Associated Press*** – (South Dakota) **Lightning believed cause of Rapid City apartment complex.** A 17-unit apartment building in Rapid City, South Dakota was damaged June 20 after lightning struck the building and caused a fire. Twenty-seven residents were displaced and fire crews were able to extinguish the flames.
Source: <http://www.keloland.com/newsdetail.cfm/lightning-believed-cause-of-rapid-city-apartment-fire/?id=181542>
29. ***June 22, WXIA 11 Atlanta*** – (Georgia) **Man charged with arson in Saturday hotel fire.** Fulton County Police arrested a man June 20 after he allegedly set fire to the Atlanta, Georgia Days Inn that injured 9 guests and 1 firefighter. Crews extinguished the flames and total estimated damages are unknown.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/story/news/local/west-side/2015/06/22/arson-hotel-fire/29094601/>
30. ***June 21, WPLG 10 Miami*** – (Florida) **Some residents displaced after fire at Ola Condominiums.** A 4-alarm fire destroyed several units at the Miami Ola Condominiums, displacing 21 residents June 21. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/people-back-home-after-apartment-fire-in-nw-miamidade/33696286>
31. ***June 21, News 9 Now Oklahoma City*** – (Oklahoma) **Fire causes evacuations at NW OKC apartment complex.** A 3-alarm fire at the Isola Bella Apartments in Oklahoma City prompted residents to evacuate June 21 after the blaze started in the laundry room and spread to the second floor. No injuries were reported and officials are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/29371774/fire-causes-evacuations-at-nw-okc-apartment-complex>
32. ***June 21, NJ.com*** – (New Jersey) **N.J. pharmacy robber takes customer hostage; heist believed connected to two others.** An armed robber stole Oxycodone and took a customer hostage at a CVS Pharmacy in Woolwich, New Jersey June 19 in an incident investigators believe is connected to 2 other pharmacy robberies in southern New Jersey in the past month. No injuries were reported and efforts by police to track the suspect have been unsuccessful.
Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2015/06/nj_pharmacy_robber_takes_customer_hostage.html

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